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# TILDEN TOPICS

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## Science Department Gets New Equipment to Aid Students

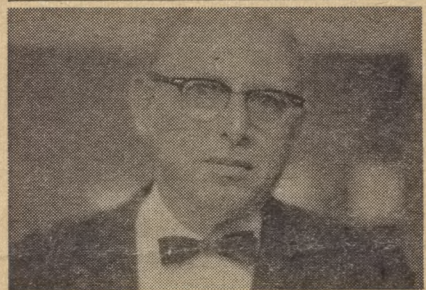
Substantial grants of money have been awarded to the Science Department by the Brook-Boro Philanthropic Organization. This contribution will be used to buy scientific apparatus. Students who elect advanced courses in the sciences will, it is hoped, benefit from these added facilities.

Among the organizations which will utilize the new materials is the Westinghouse Research Group. Composed of fifty students, this group performs various research projects which require new chemicals and equipment. One needed instrument is the Warbury Monometer, which makes metabolism tests.

Young scientists are taking advantage of the opportunities thus presented. Jeffrey Colden of 7L is working on a study of the relationship of DNA and cancer in animals and plants. Fractionalization of a mixed culture of bacteria is being studied by Jay Jacobstein of 7K. The relationship between proteins in certain organisms and pneumonia is the topic of Steve Pober, 7R. Gene Silver of 5D is reporting on the natural conditions that affect the reproduction of the paramecium.

The Westinghouse group is also preparing for scholarship examinations. Such examinations are also given to seniors who elect experimental biology and, in the past, Tildenites have done well on these and other scientific tests.

It is hoped that an even greater in-



Mr. Joseph Smallberg, G.O. adviser, and member of the Board of Directors of the Brook-Boro organization.

terest in the sciences will be stimulated by these finer facilities. The scientific curiosity awakened by these opportunities today may lead to important discoveries in the future. Since the Board of Education can not provide all of the desired equipment at this time, independent organizations such as the Brook-Boro Philanthropic Organization are attempting to aid the schools. This group donates money to various institutions for the betterment of their curriculum.

## Standard Is Raised For Honor Diplomas

Changes concerning the designation of diplomas "With Honor" and "With Merit" have been instituted by the Board of Education of New York City. The new regulations, which raise the standards for recognition at graduation, will go into effect in January, 1963.

An Academic, Commercial or Technical Diploma may be designated "With Honor" if the student has attained an average of 90 per cent or better in all major subjects at the end of the eighth term, and has never failed a major subject or Regents' examination. However, in the Regents' examinations required for graduation, the student must have earned an average of at least 90 per cent. The previous regulation required an 80 per cent minimum on all Regents' examinations.

A diploma may be designated "With Merit" if the recipient has maintained at least an 85 per cent average in all major subjects at the end of his eighth term, and has never failed a Regents' examination or major subject.

## Brains vs. Brawn

This year's Arista-Longfellow Basketball game, followed by the traditional dance, is scheduled to take place January 11, 1963 in the boys' gymnasium.

Stan Noval of 7F is hoping to lead Arista, which includes Oscar Kraus, Louis Tanenbaum, Sam Podolack, Mitchel Analik, and Louis Eisenberg, to a second straight victory. Stan, who is also president of the Drama Guild, a member of Senior Sing, and art editor of *Topics*, is confident of victory.

Just as confident is Leonard Gold of 8G, the captain of the Longfellow team. Lenny's team includes Richard Bleicher, Larry Gilbert, Joel Fried, Larry Kwitkin, and Eli Buls, all of whom will aid him in trying to overcome the Aristonians. Lenny is the Vice-President of the Longfellow society, and is an active member of Senior Sing.

## Excellence in English Wins Tildenite Honor

Daniel Cohen, 7Z, has been chosen a winner of the National Council of Teachers of English Award. Fewer than five hundred high school students in the nation were so honored.

Daniel, an Arista member who is the editor-in-chief of *Caravan*, and feature editor of *Topics*, as well as a member of the band and orchestra, was one of seven Tildenites chosen on the basis of their English marks to compete for the NCTE awards. A qualifying autobiography, a sample of the best writing of which the candidate is capable, and various standardized tests served as the basis for the selection of winners.

His demonstrated proficiency in English has led Daniel to choose English for his probable major in college. Top-ranking graduate in the class of June, 1963, he hopes to attend Amherst or Yale after graduation.

## Guild Chooses Play; Plans For New Term

*Tall Story*, by Lindsay and Crouse, will be presented by the Tilden Drama Guild in May as its spring play. Auditions will take place on the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 18th of January.

This comedy concerns the difficulties encountered by an unusually bright college basketball player. Tempted by bribes, he finds a strange way of avoiding the ensuing dilemma. A fantastic finale is promised by Mr. Joel Dick, Drama Guild faculty adviser.

The guild has made many additional plans for the coming year. New requirements for membership have been announced. In order to join the group in February, a student who has not yet taken the course must plan to take Drama I either in February or in September.

Guild members will participate in new activities during their meetings. In addition to the customary scenarios, debates, reviews, and dramatic readings, rehearsed scenes will be presented. The president, Stanley Noval, plans to direct a production of *The Sandbox* during one of the guild meetings.

Guild members have seen presentations by volunteers at previous meetings. Bella Grushka played the maid in *The Skin of Our Teeth*. Arnold Dressner did an original monologue. Many other scenes are planned for future meetings.

## Alumni Renew Friendships At Annual Tilden Reunion

In keeping with Tilden's tradition, the annual Alumni reunion will be held Friday, December 21, in the girls gym. The purpose of the meeting is to renew old friendships and rehash old times.

Miss Rebecca Grand, the Administrative Assistant in charge of Guidance, stated that the graduates are the "life-blood" of the school. To assure a good attendance during this occasion, Tilden maintains its ties with the alumni who support the school and establish its reputation in the surrounding community. In addition, present students are at an advantage because they can be provided with jobs if the graduates should request so. The alumni are also active in supporting scholarship funds.

This year, there will be no vocational guidance programs or business conferences during the reunion because the alumni will gather for social reasons and matters pertaining to their own interests.

### Alumni Together Again

For many years the Alumni Association has been inactive in regard to social gatherings and, therefore, this year a conference was held with Mr. Samuel Saltz, the advisor of the Alumni Association presiding, Mr. Abraham Margolies, the principal, and twenty-five outstanding graduates. They reactivated the organization and selected officers.

The newly appointed president, Jay Kranis, was in the graduating class of '61 and held the office of President of the G.O. He was a member of Arista and is now attending Brooklyn College.

The vice-president, Michael Seeb, was a member of the graduating class of '61 and now attends Poly-Tech.

Andrea Stanger, winner of numerous scholarship awards, member of Arista, and valedictorian of the graduating class of '62, was chosen secretary. She now attends Brooklyn College where she is maintaining a straight "A" average and participates in various activities.

Treasurer of the Alumni Association, Neil Silverman, graduated from Tilden in '61. He was G.O. vice-president and a member of the baseball team.

### Need For Contacting Alumni

Mr. Saltz emphasized the fact that the big task is contacting the alumni in order to reorganize the association. Therefore, he is depending upon the students to submit names and addresses of graduates they know.

## Senior 'Panacea' Wins As Sophs Finish Second



Juniors in rehearsal: Janice McKenzie tries out a new routine.

For the tenth consecutive year, the senior class emerged victorious in the annual Sing. "Senior Panacea," scoring 757 points, took top honors. Finishing second was "Sophronauts." The sophomore presentation scored 708 points. In third place, and scoring 661 points, came the junior production, "Junior Jinx." This is the second year in a row that the sophomores have gained more points in the competition than the juniors. As evidenced by the final scores, the competition was one of the closest in the history of Sing.

Tilden's Tenth Annual Sing, heard on the evenings of Thursday, December 13, Friday, December 14, and Saturday, December 15, featured approximately 1200 students. Each night, Tilden's auditorium was filled to capacity.

"Sophronauts", the sophomore production, was directed by Sing Leader Iris Feinstein and Choral Leader Harriet Seidner. David Posner was the pianist. The theme of the show was the sending of an astronaut, who was a sophomore, into space.

Heading the junior presentation, "Junior Jinx", were Janice McKenzie, Sing Leader, and Eufaula Seals, Choral Leader. The main idea of the sing was the "jinxing" of the seniors and sophomores by the junior class, which will stop the seniors from winning Tilden's sings. They attempted this through the use of witchcraft and spells. The production was accompanied by pianist Stuart Brink, who wrote the original alma mater, and worked with a 9-piece band.

The evening's entertainment concluded with the performance of "Senior Panacea", which was led by Joanne Wechsler and Susan Schlossberg, acting in the capacity of Sing Leader and Choral Leader, respectively. The seniors' show dealt with their plan to cure all the world's problems through singing, and their journey to the U.N. with their message. Joan Podwal was the pianist, and also the composer of the farewell song. Jesse Platt, last year's pianist, again wrote the alma mater. The senior cause was further aided by the presence of the Senior Dance Band.

### Scoring and Judges

Each of eight judges scored Sing on a basis of one hundred points, aided by two assistant faculty advisors contributing twenty-five points each. The performances were awarded not more than ten points apiece in the following categories: script, lyrics, music, scenery, costumes, choreography, over-all-effect, and clarity of diction. Fifteen points for spirit and five points for originality were the maximums to be distributed in these areas.

The attending judges were: Mr. Albert Gordon, Miss Rebecca Grand, Mr. Everett Kerner, Mr. Murray Meiselman, Mrs. Helen Pollack, Mr. Sam Rothstein, Mr. Michael Seeb and Miss Evelyn Seidner. The latter mentioned were students last year; Michael was a member of the stage squad and Evelyn was Co-Commissioner of 1961 Central Sing. Mr. Abraham Margolies was the Honorary Chief Judge.

A final highlight was the presentation of a plaque to Mr. Alfred Weil. Robert Braun and Beverlee Friedman

## Youth Takes a Stand On Changing World

Delegates from 13 South American, European, and Asian countries joined 200 members of the High School Council for the United Nations and various high schools in the New York metropolitan area Friday, November 23, for International Youth Day at the Carnegie Endowment Building.

The International Youth Day agenda consisted of a morning and afternoon session. At the morning session, the foreign students spoke about the customs of their country and Mr. Chonghan Kim, Counsellor of the Office of the Permanent Observer for the Republic of Korea, spoke about Korea's economic and social problems. At the afternoon session, the foreign students voiced their views on the problems confronting their countries and the United States.

International Youth Day was sponsored by the High School Council for the United Nations and the *New York Mirror*. The *Mirror* also sponsored the Mirror Youth Forum which was held the following day at the Hotel Astor.



Mr. Chonghan Kim

The Youth Forum opened with a morning session devoted to panel discussions and the adoption of resolutions. This was followed by a luncheon in the grand ballroom where Sen. Jacob K. Javits spoke about the three major goals of mankind. He described them as: the utilization of atomic energy for the benefit of all men, the end of discrimination and segregation wherever it is found, and the development of the rule of law on Earth-enforced by international police power.

The theme of the Youth Forum was "Youth Probes a Changing World." At the afternoon session, the forum split into panel groups to discuss various phases of the theme.



## Tildenites Troubled By Telephone Tactics

God Bless Alexander Graham Bell! What would I do without my best friend, the telephone?

While talking, I sometimes find I am hungry. I can't very well reach from my room, where I am collapsed quite comfortably on the floor, to the kitchen. I am in a predicament. If this happens to you, I beg of you for your own good, don't ask your friend for a piece of whatever it is he's eating, especially not a drink of soda. I say this from experience. I once remarked to my wacky friend that I was hungry and thirsty, and she spilled a whole bottle of soda into the receiver. None of this came through to me, but I bet the operator had a good drink. Next, she stuffed cookie crumbs into the holes of the mouth-piece. She spent five hours trying to pick them out with a bobby pin. I was still hungry.

There is one particular thing I dislike immensely about the telephone—and that is my brother's talking on it. Boy, he sure has a big mouth! And I thought I stretched, and sat in queer positions. There's twice as much of him, so he has excessive feet with which to climb the walls. You should hear his conversations. When he's talking to one of his friends that I like, he is sure to put in a comment like, "You can always take my sister; she's sure to go," or, "my sister is dying to say hello to you."

Everyone claims my father has stock in the phone company when they see me disappear into my room with the phone, and come out three hours later. One night, I talked to someone for four and a half hours and still had to call her back in the morning. That's the longest I talked to one person, but with two, I could go on for days.

I will say one thing for the telephone. Between it and the radio, I am becoming a much more relaxed person. And think of all the new positions I have learned to recline in. I bet I'm the only girl with feet and finger marks all over my television set.

Susan Feinblatt

## Hoaxes Are Revealed On Vast Wasteland

Last week, while sitting in detention, I got to thinking about what would happen if we actually did what television commercials suggested. I mean, no one ever takes it seriously when told to "Tell 'em Groucho sent you." But what would happen if we really did? Well, I experimented a little and here are the results:

1) "If you're not completely satisfied return it for double your money back."

I tried to return a bottle of hair tonic to the drug store and here's what happened:

Me: I'd like to return this for double my money back.

Druggist: That's ridiculous.

Me: I heard on T.V. that I could return it for double my money back!

Druggist: What's wrong with it?

Me: Oh, not much really. It took out all my hair, gave my scalp 2nd-degree burns, and gave me that plastered-down look.

Druggist: That's funny; no one's ever complained about that before. Anyway, I don't sell that here.

Me: That's crazy! I bought it here!

Druggist: Don't argue! Besides, it's closing time.

Having lost all faith in human nature (and television), I left without double my money back.

2) "Don't touch that dial!"

I attempted to switch channels and immediately a siren sounded, bells rang and three dwarfs with black-jacks popped out of my T.V. set and beat me up.

3) "... at any neighborhood toy store."

I tried seventeen neighborhood toy stores, six candy stores and the Bronx Zoo and I couldn't get what I wanted.

So just remember: The next time you're told to "tell them Groucho sent you," be ready to hear. . . . "GROUCHO WHO!?"



By ELAINE LAPIDUS

The past decade has seen a great surge in popularity for the Broadway show album, and it is therefore worth noting that three highly-rated albums have just appeared. The long-awaited *Mr. President*, the American cast album of a British import, *Oliver!*, and a new recording of an old favorite, *Carousel*, are among delights awaiting show album buffs.

The original cast album of the new Irving Berlin musical, *Mr. President*, will come as a disappointment to many. Although some of the songs are melodic, they are not really outstanding and, somehow, from Mr. Berlin one expects more than the usual. But even second-rate Berlin is good listening, and Nanette Fabray still does a comedy song beautifully, Robert Ryan sings with feeling, and Jack Haskell and Anita Gillette manage their songs well, particularly "Empty Pockets Filled with Love." Verdict: pleasant if not distinguished listening.

A British hit now on an extended West Coast tour before its Broadway entry December 27, *Oliver!* had its cast album released, on a preview basis, in mid-October. For those who don't mind the treble pings of child actors, the *Oliver!* album will be a rewarding experience, for it contains some very tuneful numbers and introduces to the American scene a talented Britisher, Georgia Brown.

A new version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* has just been released, and we feel it is safe to predict that this one will be the most popular of all the many versions of this Broadway classic. Command Records recorded the voices of a literally starstudded cast, headed by Alfred Drake and Roberta Peters, in what is described as a "revolutionary new process," stereo 35. Regardless of how "revolutionary" this process may or may not be, the fact remains that the lovely songs sound more beautiful than ever—if this is possible—and this is the best reason of all for buying the album.

M. Trigoboff

## Mr. John Mendonca to Retire After Forty-Two Year Career

If devotion to one's job and regard for the finest principles of teaching are a measure of success, Mr. John Mendonca has achieved great height. Mr. Mendonca, one of the most jovial and well-liked teachers that Tilden has ever had, will retire this coming February at the age of sixty-five. He has been a teacher in the city school system for forty-two years.

As a member of the Foreign Language and Guidance Departments, he has taught at Tilden since its opening in February of 1920. Before coming to this school, he instructed in

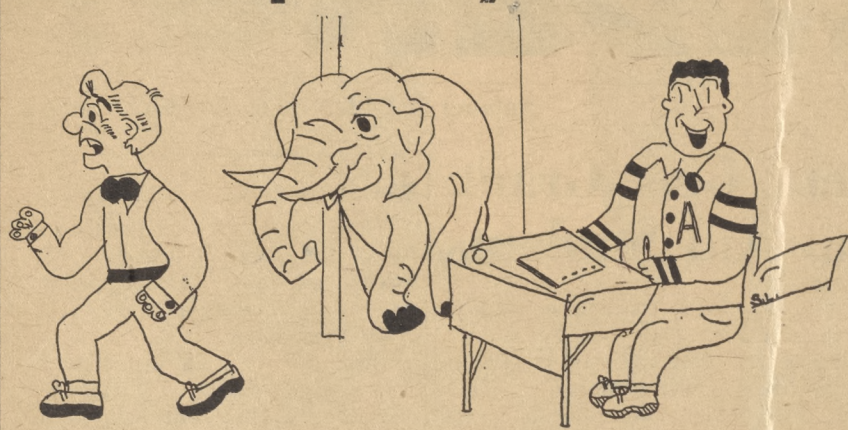


Mr. John Mendonca

General Science, Chemistry, English, Modern European History, Commercial Arithmetic, French, and other subjects, as well as Spanish, at Thomas Jefferson High School, in Brooklyn.

Mr. Mendonca was born in Nan-

## New Final Techniques Developed By Tildenite



There comes a time (in fact there come eight times) in every student's life, when he is faced with the prospect of taking finals. In the past this has meant studying at least twenty-four hours a day during the week before the finals. Not only is this task boring and obnoxious, but repeated often enough it can cause serious damage to a student's mind (so that's what's wrong with the seniors in this school). Now, you too can stop killing yourself studying and start using techniques that have brought success to thousands of other formerly hopeless pupils. To purchase any of the following items, just go to your neighborhood bowling alley and ask for "Teddy the K."

1. Raised-type chewing gum. This will put to use the untapped potential of a habit which formerly was useful only for keeping a surplus of pink cards from piling up in teachers' desks. The student simply pops a stick of this in his mouth and reads off the answers with his tongue. Comes in a variety of subjects and flavors. Only 25¢ a pack. The only drawback is the possibility you're liable to start chewing by accident. Have you ever tried to put a piece of chewing gum back in the original shape?

2. Mechanical pink elephant. About halfway through the test, the student craftily assembles the elephant under his desk, points it towards the proctor, and lets it go. Guaranteed to send the proctor running to his analyst within fifteen seconds. A slight disadvantage in this is that the proctor may be asleep, in which case he will not see the elephant. \$10 apiece, or 3 for \$29.95.

3. Genius indicator (for use with item 2.). Once the proctor has gone, use this to locate the smartest kid in the room (warning—if it points to you alone, it needs new batteries or something). Cleverly designed machine recites Einstein's Theory of Relativity backwards when it is pointed at the smartest kid in the room. Only \$5 (\$4.50 if bought with a pink elephant).

4. Polaroid contact lenses. With lemon juice, write the facts and formulas you need to pass on the walls of the room where you are taking the final exam. Invisible to the naked eye, it shows up beautifully when you are wearing our contact lenses—only \$20.

M. Trigoboff



By ARTHUR WEINSTEIN

If there is anything in the world more boring to students than classes it is fire and/or shelter drills. Actually, there is little difference between the two except they call it a shelter drill when it's raining. It's a good thing water puts out fires because if we had to leave the building in the rain everybody would be pretty faked-out. Of course, fire drills are preferable because very few students belong to anti-fire department protest groups. After all, how many "Ban the Fire Bell" buttons do you see?

Fire drills always occur during periods when only the A.M. or P.M. students are here, which saves a lot of time in evacuating the building. So if any of you are planning to burn the building down, kindly don't do it between the fourth and eighth periods. Incidentally, teachers are told in advance about the drills so if any of you are depending on fire drills to interrupt a test, forget it. This of course applies only to drills. (A subtle hint to the more enterprising among you.)

Although talking is prohibited, there are many interesting things to keep yourself busy with until the bell. Be the last one out on a fire drill, covering your mouth with a hanky, coughing and apparently beating out flames with your coat; in a shelter drill stare intently into the sky and flatten if you hear a plane—this is always good for a few laughs from the less emotionally stable students in the class. If you are able to talk, try calling out: "NOBODY PANIC!". If that doesn't do it, nothing will.

Of course fire drills by themselves, are good things. They are designed to save lives. Trouble arises when everybody gets so used to them that nobody might take the real one seriously. By using the above methods, you might even do some good by worrying people. Sound logical? Now try it on the dean.

Sam Roberts and Michael Seder

## Topics Talks:

### Spread Support Wider

Last year, more than a thousand students participated in Sing, and every fall, tickets for the football games, especially the Thanksgiving classic with Jefferson, are eagerly sought after and purchased early. Unfortunately, other activities attract far less attention and far less enthusiastic support. In particular, there is concern about Tilden's musical organizations—the symphonic band, the orchestra, the mixed chorus, the newly-formed boys' chorus, and the girls' cantata—in which some five hundred boys and girls participate. These groups give several performances during the year, including music assemblies and the annual Spring Concert, at which the general response of Tildenites is somewhat disappointing and discouraging. When placed on public sale, tickets for the Spring Concert go begging and the auditorium is hardly ever sold out. That these organizations are of an unusually high caliber makes the apathy towards them all the more flagrant.

An even more outstanding example is the fate of Tilden's General Organization to which most Tildenites belong and on which most of Tilden's extra activities depend for financial support. The G.O. attracts attention only once a year for the election of its officers. At other times, it receives the uninspired, half-hearted support of its membership. In one sense, however, the G.O. is itself at fault because it should establish closer contact with the student body. Perhaps if the G.O. followed through on more of the proposals made last year, support would be more forthcoming. However, to return to the original point, an inspired G.O. can arise only from an inspiring membership.

Among the other activities of the school which are languishing for lack of attention are *Caravan* and *Polyglot*. How many of you really read *Caravan*, which represents the finest effort of a handful (unfortunately) of students in writing and art.

These activities obviously need and deserve your support. Will you give it?

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## ON THE SIDELINES

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It is always a great shame when a team in a major sport such as football concludes a season with a so-so record. It is a greater shame, however, when the team was ballyhooed before the season began as undoubtedly the strongest team that Tilden had ever fielded, and possibly the best team in the city. In fact, at one time during the campaign, Tilden was ranked eighth among 150 schools in the metropolitan area, and second in the entire PSAL. (Brooklyn Tech was ranked eighteenth in the same survey.)

## What Happened To Us?

The defense, as usual, played superbly, and placed second in the city in total points allowed with a mere 40 points. The offense did not live up to expectations but this did not cripple the squad's chances. Perhaps it was the heart-breaking defeat to Utrecht, in which the *Devils* lost 2-0 on a safety in the last fifty-five seconds of play, in what surely was the weirdest result in PSAL history. In short order, the squad went on to lose several more games in what has to be regarded as the worst streak of luck ever endured by a team. The loss to Midwood was 14-8, and the final gun came with Tilden only eight yards away from the winning touchdown. Afterwards, it was John Jay who toppled the *Devils*, this time by a score of 14-6, when a clipping penalty took the steam out of a drive which had carried the *Devils* to the Jay ten yard line with less than two minutes remaining.

## Tilden Edges Jefferson 12-6

Thus, the first half of the season ended at three wins and three defeats, while the "second half" ended perfectly as the *Devils* edged Jefferson 12-6.

The game, however, was never really that close. The *Devils* completely dominated the game, and only thoughts of what might have been could occur. The first touchdown came on Mel Radowitz's 11 yard sprint around end, with Louie Vega tallying the PAT. The *Devils* generated another threat in the second half when End Alan Abrams made two fine catches for forty yards; however, Jefferson quickly stopped the threat. The next time the *Devils* got the ball, they swept to a touchdown on Louie Vega's 15 yard pass to Marty Rabinowitz. This made the score 14-0 and Jefferson just managed to score in the final quarter with Barry Drucker breaking up the PAT to make the final score 14-6.

This marked Tilden's second straight win over Jefferson. The last time that Tilden has lost in this series occurred three years ago, when Tilden was solidly trounced, 52-24.

## Keglers Move Into First Place; Mermen Wind Up With 5-3 Slate

This year, after two heartbreaking defeats to strong teams, Erasmus and Midwood, Coach Ginsberg's Keglers have posted a respectable record of 6 and 2. This remarkable comeback, which leaves the *Alley Cats* at the top of their division, is largely due to an extremely talented starting lineup and an amazing 183 pin compiled average per game.

## Ernie Saccone Leads Team

The starting team is made up of Captain Ernie Saccone, who has compiled an outstanding average and a high game of 224, Norman Feinberg with a high game of 212, Chuck Schacner, with a high game of 225, and Kenny Weinstein, another excellent bowler. Each one of these bowlers, as well as Tilden's superb Junior Varsity, was instrumental in compiling Tilden's present record.

## Keglers Move to First Place

The *Alley Cats*' six victories were taken from such P.S.A.L. powers as Fort Hamilton, Eastern District, Wingate, Midwood and Erasmus. Tilden had lost to these two teams earlier in the season. Although it won't show in the record books, each one of these losses was decided by a very slight margin. In their second game with Erasmus, Tilden came back and took 2 out of 3 games by a wide margin. As a result of this victory, Tilden took first place.

Coach Ginsberg stated that this year's Keglers have an excellent chance of taking first place in their respective division. He believes that this tremendous improvement is due to the strength of Tilden's starting team; also contributing greatly is the Junior Varsity. Coach Ginsberg is greatly encouraged by the exceptional improvement of Eddie Robinson and Dennis Blondo.

Tilden's *Mermen*, who, in 32 years of competition have never dipped below a .500 percentage, have just completed the 1962 season with a 5-3 record.

Among those schools to fall before the swift strokes of our swimmers were Sheepshead Bay, New Utrecht, and Wingate. Eastern District and Alexander Hamilton were beaten by the lopsided scores of 80-15 and 72-23, respectively.

## Graduation Losses

With but one of Tilden's starting swimmers about to graduate, Coach Anthony Defronzo is faced with a tremendous rebuilding problem for the following season.

Some of the graduating members of the team include Norman Lovitch, a consistent winner in the 400 yard freestyle event, Captain Paul Irgang, who can swim in just about any event, the 200 yard freestyler John Glick, back-stroker Steve Braff, and the individual medley team of Lenny Boral and Mike Herman.

The only junior to start this year was Hyman Dymborte, an excellent diver. Also returning next year are Thomas Frankel, Tom Link, and Steve Bowser. These four boys will probably form the nucleus of next year's team.

## Ability is Paramount

New members for the swimming team will be needed for next year, and any new boys with ability in swimming or diving are asked to try out. This is usually done by taking swimming out of gym and then taking the life guard test. In order to be a lifeguard, a boy must be able to swim the length of Tilden's pool in 16 seconds or less. Boys who qualify are then screened as possible team material.

It is Mr. Defronzo's hope that next year's team will continue the fine record which its predecessors have made.

## Turfmen End Season With Wingate Victory

Upon finishing a successful cross-country track season with the defeat of their biggest rival, Wingate, the *Cindermen* are looking forward to the ensuing indoor meets.

Tilden's team, led by Charlie Gunther, one of its captains, (the other is Rich Weiner) defeated Wingate in the Flatbush and Brooklyn Championships. In the Brooklyn Championships, Gunther and Joe Leito won medals, while in the Flatbush Championships, Bruce Miller, Bob McKeon, Gunther, and Leito gained awards. Gunther broke all Tilden cross country records this season, while capturing four medals.

## Team Set For Indoor Season

Indoor runners are captained by Jeff Sargeant. The mainstays of this squad include Dennis Gartland in the ¼ mile, Rich Weiner in the 600 and ¼ mile, Jeff Sargeant and Stan Feferman in the 200, 300, and ¼ mile, Paul Scheier and Bo Brumel in the ½ mile, Charlie Gunther, Bruce Miller, Joe Leito, and Bob McKeon in the mile, and Marty Messik, Tommy De Carlo, Dennis Elkin, Hank Schnepps, Mark Forman, Anthony Ilardo, Barry Charton, and Louis Stark in sprint relays.

The flyer's initial indoor meet will be the Fordham Prep Relay Carnival. The first multi-school meet will be the Bishop-Loughlin meet in which over one hundred schools will participate. During the Christmas vacation and weeks after, there will be four A.A.U. development track meets at the 168th Street Armory. These meets will be followed by the Cardinal Hayes Meet.

Coach Hochheiser feels that many of the trackmen are improving; that medals and trophies will be won and the team will experience another successful season. He observes that the boys will be running as individuals, each man trying to win a trophy for himself. This is because there is no scoring in indoor meets.

## Cagers Upset Sheepshead; Lose To Jefferson, 57-42

Tilden's basketball team ran its consecutive winning streak to four before suffering their first defeat of the season to a rugged Jefferson squad. Before the defeat, Tilden whipped Sheepshead Bay, 67-52.

Tilden led for all but one minute of the Sheepshead game but they never held a commanding lead until the fourth quarter. Sheepshead's fine shooting team took advantage of Tilden's sluggish first half and kept always within 5 points of the *Goldmen*.

Ira Wechsler had a hot hand for Tilden in the opening moments. Ira had 8 of Tilden's first 14 points and 15 of the 25 points in the first half. Almost all of his baskets were scored from the corners via Ira's potent jump shot. The only exceptions were scored from the foul line.



WHERE IS IT: Unidentified Tilden ballplayer shoots from the corner during season opener. Tilden drubbed Hamilton 82-42.

Sheepshead committed eleven fouls in the first half. Everyone on the starting team had at least one, and one player had four. This made the *Bay Boys* vulnerable to a driving offense and Tilden took advantage by working a weave to draw fouls. Still Tilden's sharpshooters preferred to score with long guided missile-like shots.

Sheepshead spurred in the second period and tied Tilden at 17 apiece. Wechsler's lay up and foul gave Tilden a brief 3 point lead. Similar scoring by Sheepshead tied the game again at 20 all midway in the second period. A pop shot by Richard Knel and a lay up by Jeff Bodie put Tilden ahead to stay. The half ended 25-20 in Tilden's favor.

Both teams were much improved in the second half. Fouling was not as rampant and the pace picked up considerably. Tilden seemed to really come alive the last two periods. Wechsler and Bodie continued hitting from the corners and Sheepshead couldn't match this effort. Richard Knel and sophomores Fred Kornblith and Bruce Schiffman were impressive as shooters and ball handlers.

However, if Tilden's offense improved, its defense slacked. Sheepshead scored 18 points in the quarter. Tilden still outscored them by 5 and won by their biggest margin of the game—67-52.

The *Goldmen* then journeyed to the dens of Jefferson. The teams played each other even in the first half but Jefferson took command from the opening of the third quarter and defeated Tilden 57-42.

Both teams started fast. Jefferson scored first but Tilden countered with a jump shot from Larry Roth. The lead changed hands several times. Jeff got their points from under the basket and on drives; Tilden's points came via the long jump shot. Bodie put Tilden in the lead with a long one, but Harvey Jackson, (Tony's little brother) recaptured the lead for Jefferson. Fessler, Roth, and Wechsler each scored to bring Tilden to 15. Jeff came back with two but Tilden led 15-13 at the quarter.

In the second period Wechsler and Roth held Tilden's slim lead. But Roth drew two fouls and was replaced and Ira suddenly went cold. Bodie shot and rebounded and was aided by fine foul shooting by Knel. However, Jefferson hustled to a 28-27 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Jefferson could do no wrong, and Tilden nothing right. Jeff quickly made it 32-27 and pulled away from there. Knel had 6 points in the second half, four in a row, after which Tilden closed the gap to five. But Jackson hit all the clutch shots and Jefferson widened their lead. The *Goldmen* never gave up but finally succumbed 57-42 to their arch rivals.

Ed Faggen

## Sports Spotlight

Robert McKeon, a lanky 6 ft. junior, is expected to play an important part in Coach Hochheiser's plans for a successful track season this year. Bob runs cross country for the *Hoch-harriers* in the fall and spring and runs the mile during the indoor season. So far he has shown himself to be an impressive runner. He ran the 2½ mile course at Van Cortlandt Park in under 15 minutes and captured a bronze medal. Bob's best time for the mile was 5:04 last year. This year, he is aiming for a 4:44 mile, the junior record. Upon graduation, he hopes to attend West Point.

Joe Lieto, a 5'9" junior, has shown great promise as a fine runner. Like Bob, he runs cross country and the mile during the indoor and outdoor seasons. He earned a bronze medal at Van Cortlandt

Norman Lovitch, a 17-year-old senior, was an important factor in the *Mermen's* successful season this year. Norman swam in the 400 yard free style events with his partner, Warren Bluestein. Last year, as a junior he competed in the 200 yard and 50 yard free style events. He has also distinguished himself during the current season by taking first place in the New Utrecht, the Sheepshead Bay, the Hamilton, and Eastern District High School Meets. Norman

hopes to attend the University of Connecticut next fall. He plays the clarinet and saxophone in the Tilden band and enjoys skin diving during the summer.

As he culminates his third season with the *Mermen*, Captain Paul Irgang has shown his outstanding ability in

PSAL competition. This season he swam the 100 yard butterfly, the 200 yard individual medley, the 100 yard free style, and was anchor man on the relay team. Paul took first place at the Boys High, New Utrecht, Hamilton, and Eastern District Meets. Following graduation in January, Paul hopes to study pre-med at Brooklyn College and then specialize in obstetrics at the University of Vienna. Paul's interests are weightlifting and golf.



Top: Bob McKeon  
Bottom: Joe Leito



Top: Norman Lovitch  
Bottom: Paul Irgang

## Basketball Schedule

Jan. 4	Tech	.....Home
Jan. 16	Midwood	.....Away
Jan. 15	Boys	.....Home
Jan. 22	Jefferson	.....Home
Feb. 5	Boys	.....Away
Feb. 8	Erasmus (N)	.....Home
Feb. 15	Wingate	.....Away



## INSIDE



## TILDEN



By ELAINE LAPIDUS and SANDY RABINOWITZ

"Thanksgiving," said one well-known fool-osopher, "is the time of year when the turkeys stop gobbling, and the people start!" A wise saying. But Thanksgiving is over now, and we are impatiently awaiting the arrival of Christmas morning. Bright and early, everyone in our houses can hear the pitter-patter of our cloddy feet, searching, hoping, praying to find—a column (mainly because we can't write one). Well, we got tired of waiting for Santa (and our deadline came around) so we had to write this column. And here, apologetically, it is.

## Allemande Left, Grand Right and Left

No, those nimble dancers who performed at the assemblies of December 12 and 19 were not members of the Bolshoi Ballet. They were merely (merely) Tildenites, students in Dr. Henry Greene's senior dance classes. Among the dazzling divertissements performed were the continental, the tango, the meringue, the all-American, the misirlou, and square dances. Don't be offended, kids; we like you better than the Bolshoi anyhow.

## As Always, Tildenites Goof

A few issues ago, we begged forgiveness, on bended knees, for an error in this column. Our knees are so calloused from this continuous task that we must beg forgiveness in an upright position. We omitted Sharon Schneider's picture in the group of highest-ranking students. So sorry.

## Push-ups for Progress

President Kennedy (and Jackie, and Caroline) has called for a new physical fitness program, since we want to beat the Russians (literally?). The girls of this school are taking tests regularly in the following fields: the push-up, the sit-up, the shuttlerun, broad jump, target throws, side-steps, treadmill, and other exercises. They are then classified into percentiles to see how well they can do in relation to other girls in the country. We think that the President must have used the sidestep and the target throw in many of his meetings with Krushchev, Castro, etc.

## You Can Be Sure, If It's...

The Westinghouse Science Research Club! We have just learned that this organization meets every Wednesday during the A.M. long official. During the meetings, the members are aided in preparation for the Westinghouse contest. Its president, Ira Kay, 7A; vice-president, Jay Jacobstein, 7K; and secretary, Stanley Ross, 7T are confident that the group will make a good showing this year. Is there an Einstein in the (Westing)house?

## As Always, Tildenites Triumph

Arthur Weinstein, one of our ace Feature Editors, has won a Headliner Award for an outstanding feature story. The recipient was overjoyed. His comment was, "What a lovely certificate, suitable for framing or gift-wrapping fish!"

## Join, Everybody, Join!

All students interested in the Hebrew tongue (kosher, of course) can contact Judy Greenberg, 7R. (No, Agatha, she's not a butcher, she's the representative of the new Hebrew club). Miss Preiss is sponsoring this exodus into the subject of Israel and the Hebrew language.

## Thisa and Thata Data...

Jay Lubinsky, 7L, has won the Lope de Vega Poetry Contest. The event was held at Brooklyn College to commemorate this famous author's birth. Students from all of Brooklyn's high schools competed in this contest. Felicitaciones!...

Children at Kings County Hospital will enjoy the packages of "goodies" contributed by students of the Home Economics Department. We congratulate those involved in this worthwhile project...

Will the real Elmer G. please see Mr. Kerner???

Topicsites have varied talents! Former News Editor Judith Stofsky returned to her alma mater (Hail, Tilden High!) for one day to teach the modern dance class. She will have the honor of being one of the first dance majors to be graduated from Brooklyn College in June, 1963.

It's a good thing that we wrote this column, as we anticipate that when Christmas does come around we'll find nothing in our stockings but our cloddy feet.

## Police Department Topic of Meeting

Policewoman Dorothy Daniels, a 20-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, spoke about "Police Work in New York City as a Career," at the Career Conference of November 30. It was held in room 238 during the long A.M. official period.

Qualifications for policemen and policewomen are basically the same. A high school graduation diploma or equivalency diploma is required and an intelligence test is given.

Following the test is a physical examination, a basic test for reflexes, endurance, and stamina. A subsequent medical test is performed and a character investigation is undergone, designed to discover the person's loyalties, background and personality. If accepted into the Police Department, the person attends the Police Academy, where law, judo and the use of firearms are taught.

## Physical Requirements

At the present time there are no set physical requirements for policemen and women; consideration is given to the person's build, rather than to his height or weight.

Men and women can apply before their 21st birthday, but will be accepted only if they have reached their 21st to 29th birthdays. Men who served in the armed forces and are over 29 but wish to apply may do so.

Of the 25,000 members of the Police Department, 273 are policewomen. Their establishment is comparatively new. At the end of the World War I, police matrons were used to attend women under custody. Later, policewomen were employed at beaches, schools and specified areas.

## Courses in Police Work

For the person interested in police work, there are specialized 2-year courses given at Brooklyn College and at the Bernard Baruch School. While in the force, members can carry on with their education if they wish, under a special arrangement.

The starting salary for a police officer is fifty-six hundred dollars, plus benefits. Twenty years of service is the minimum number of years for retirement.

"Personal satisfaction plus a wide variety of positions can be gained by police work," observed Miss Daniels.

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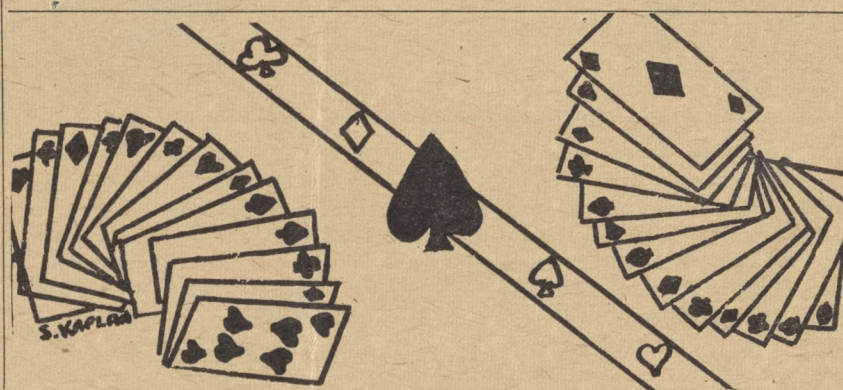
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## Mr. Seidman Conducts Faculty Bridge Meet



Tilden's first faculty bridge tournament under the direction of Mr. Sol Seidman of the History Department, was held Friday, December 7, in the teachers' cafeteria. The tournament was won by Mr. Alfred Weil and Mr. Nathaniel Singer in the North-South division and Mr. Charles Spiegle and Mr. Bernard Chazen in the East-West division. It was hailed as a success by Mr. Seidman, who hopes to see another tournament soon.

Before retiring, Mr. Singer was a teacher of social studies and Dean in charge of the late session.

Rated as the number one tournament player in Brooklyn, Mr. Seidman

## Students Compete In General Mills Contest

As an incentive for future home-makers, General Mills is sponsoring a home economics contest. Its purpose is to test the teen-age girl's knowledge and attitude on the aspects of married life and daily household problems. The test is open to high school seniors.

Under the direction of Mrs. Rita Lindquist, chairman of the Home Economics Department, the test was given in Tilden December 4. The winner from each school competes in the state finals, and may win a scholarship to Cornell University.

Questions ranged from what types of clothing should be worn on certain occasions to financial matters concerning the family.

The contents of the examination attested to the fact that woman's role in the family has greatly changed. Today, the woman spends approximately 80% of the household income, and influences the spending of the other 20%.

The title of the test, which is the "Betty Crocker Search for the Home-maker of Tomorrow," best describes the purpose of the test. The home-maker of tomorrow will be quite different from her counterpart of yesterday. She will be a more responsible person, and she will be a well-rounded person capable of adjusting to any situation.

## SCHEDULE OF FINAL EXAMS

Wednesday, January 9, 1963			
8:15-9:45	Hebrew 1	1:30-3:00	Speech 3
Math. 1, 2, 3, 8	Acctg. 1, 2, 3, 8	H.I.B.	Family Living
Sten. 1, 2		Foods 2	
10:00-11:30			
Math. 4, 5X, 5Y, 5Z			
Math. 6, 7			
Bus. Arith. 1			
11:45-1:15			
Span. 1, 5J			
French 1, 5J			
		3:15-4:15	Mdsg. 2, 3

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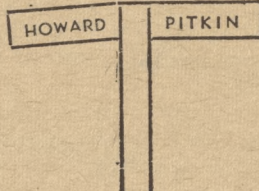
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## SCHEDULE OF REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

Wednesday, January 23 — Friday, January 25, 1963

Wednesday, Jan. 23 9:15-12:15	Thursday, Jan. 24 9:15-12:15	Friday, Jan. 25 9:15-12:15
	Biology American History and World Backgrounds	Comprehensive English
1:15-4:15	1:15-4:15	12:45-3:45
Chemistry Physics Earth Science	Mathematics 10 Intermediate Algebra Trigonometry Mathematics 12A Bookkeeping 2 Years Merchandising Combination Shorthand, Typewriting and Transcription	French 3 Years French 2 Years Spanish 3 Years Spanish 2 Years Hebrew 3 Years Hebrew 2 Years



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